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• What goes up, must come down, as Darren Byrne (left) of Heidelberg is about to find out after this crunching tackle from George Cross midfielder Don Maclaren at Olympic Park on Sunday. Byrne was making his National League debut, in a finals game no less, and found the experienced Maclaren a real handful. George Cross won the match 2-1, kicking Heidelberg out of the finals in the process. Noel Mitten scored the goal which takes George Cross into this Sunday's do-or-die clash with Footscray JUST. Turn to pages 2 and 3 for the match reports of all the finals. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Croatia, Juventus get set for battle

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Vedran Rozic is mustering his troops, Len McKendry is whipping his men into a frenzy. Sydney Croatia and Brunswick Juventus, the Northern and Southern Division champions, respectively, are one step away from the divisional Grand finals.

Croatia collides with the cocky St. George at 3 pm. Rozic is ready for a bone-crunching confrontation.

Brunswick Juventus tries to halt the march into the Grand Final of the team that is running hot in the Southern Division finals — Adelaide City Juventus. Their clash kicks off at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday at 2.30 pm. What a game this one will be.

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Brunswick Juventus goes into the clash without suspended defender Peter Lewis and ace midfielder Mike Petersen, who last Friday had arthroscopic surgery to clean a cartilage. Petersen's finals prospects aren't bright. The specialist who operated on the former Soccerro fears that Petersen may have medial ligament damage.

Adelaide Juventus has no such worries. It is brimful of confidence after its magnificent win over Footscray JUST last Sunday in the Southern Division qualifying final.

The men of Adelaide Juventus had to stand up and be counted on Sunday and they walked tall at the day's end. Joe Mullen's second half display was remarkable. Charley Villan's goal was a delight to watch. Adrian Santrac, as did many of his teammates, ran himself into the ground and at the back there was no way that

JUST was going to find chances easy come by — Bussy Nysskohus and Neville Flounders saw to that.

Sunday's game will test

St. George Stadium
Sunday
Marconi v Sydney Olympic at 1 pm, followed by
Sydney Croatia v St. George.
Olympic Park No. 1

Sunday
George Cross v Footscray JUST at 3 pm.
Hindmarsh Stadium
Sunday

Adelaide City Juventus v Brunswick Juventus at 2.30 pm.

Brunswick Juventus to the limit.

St. George might have beaten Sydney Olympic last Sunday but it was a lacklustre display by Frank Arok's men. Nevertheless, Arok is well aware that Croatia will try and hit his team on the break, exploiting the pace of Zeljko Jurin and the immaculate ball skills of Manis Lamond. He will try and counter that tactic.

But no matter what game-plan Arok comes up with, Croatia simply looks too classy and should clinch a Grand Final berth in front of a huge crowd at St. George Stadium.

There are no prizes for coming second in Sunday's other finals. George Cross meets JUST at Olympic Park in Melbourne at 3 pm, while Marconi meets Olympic at St. George Stadium at 1 pm.

The George Cross players firmly believe that they'll beat JUST. It will be a classic encounter between a Cross outfit whose hallmarks are discipline and organisation and a JUST team oozing skill and flair.

Vojislav Vukcevic is expect-

ed to return to his sweeper's role for JUST, releasing Vlatko Belic into midfield. Belic's bite will be crucial in this area of the contest.

Former George Cross star, striker Ossie Latif, would like nothing better than to play his part in kicking George out of the finals but Latif will have to perform at a far higher standard than he did last Sunday to make any headway against Shaun Parion and Steve Richardson.

Marshall Soper should return to the Olympic line-up against Marconi and his presence is bound to take a lot of pressure off young Chris Kallantzis. Olympic's only effective forward against St. George last weekend.

Soper's a big-game player and will carry the hopes of the army of Olympic fans at this clash. He is capable of turning the tide of this contest in Olympic's favor but Marconi showed against Sydney Hakoah last weekend that it is a side with enormous character.



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THE NSL FINALS

Marconi hits back!

By
ALEX VESIC

MARCONI 3 (Lowe 60th, Jankovic 82nd, Gunning 88th) **SYDNEY HAKOAH 3** (Farina 7th, 21st, 57th). Marconi won 4-3 on penalties. Northern Division Elimination Final at St George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd: 7,000. Cautions: Robertson, Gomez, Souness, Farina (SH). Referee: Stuart Mellings 4.

MARCONI: James 8 — Carter 7, Henderson 8, Sterrey 6, Wheatley 7 — Gray 6, Mason 7 (Jankovic 59th, 81, 86th), Treddnick 7 — Brown 8, Lowe 7, El Ali 7 (Gunning 86th). **Coach:** Les Scheinflug. **HAKOAH:** Garamy 8 — Hooker 6, Robertson 6, Gomez 8, De Marigny 7 (Saad 35th, 61) — Souness 6, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Farina 8, Kosmina 8, Lee 6 (Paterson 82nd). **Coach:** Eddie Thomson.

Man of the match:
FRANK FARINA
(Syd. Hakoah)

Frank Farina scored a hat-trick to give Sydney Hakoah a clear three-goal lead after an hour's play in the Elimination Final at St George Stadium last Sunday but his gallant effort was in vain as Marconi stormed back to equalise and force the match into extra time.

Extra time provided no further goals and penalties decided the issue with Marconi's captain Tony Henderson, scoring the decisive penalty.

It was a heart-stopping contest which saw Hakoah get on top early with Farina prominent. Bruce James was the villain as he dropped his attempted throw-out, then picked the ball up under pressure and was penalised by the referee for handling twice.

HENDERSON WINS IT AFTER HAKOAH BLOWS A 3-0 LEAD

referee for handling twice. From the ensuing play, Joe Watson's chip found John Kosmina at the far post and he headed the ball down for Farina to score.

With 20 minutes gone, Hakoah went further ahead. The stubborn refusal by Kosmina to give up and some sloppy marking by the Marconi defence saw Hakoah strike. Kosmina swung at the ball on the edge of the by-line and it screwed past two Marconi defenders to the feet of Farina who was only metres away from the line to make it 2-0.

Kosmina provided the spade-work for both goals but fell foul of his own urge to score. With six minutes to go in this half he was inside the penalty area with room to spare but his shot finished metres over the bar. Four minutes later Kosmina made a great run to get within metres of the edge of the area and with two players in support and Marconi's defence in tatters he decided to shoot when he should have provided a team mate with a great chance. James saved and Marconi survived.

Then came yet another uncharacteristic fumble by James and Marconi went in at half time feeling a little lucky to be only two goals down. In fairness to the Fairfielders, it could have been 2-1 at the break had Rod Brown scored from an opening in the 35th minute when he faced young Steve Garamy. A great save by Garamy saw the ball bounce back to Brown who slammed it across goal, missing the far post by centimetres.

Grant Lee had a great chance in the opening minute of the second half but hit the side netting then came the magnificent fightback by Marconi.

Brown had the goal at his mercy in the 53rd minute but he swung and missed the ball, then came a great run by Osvaldo El Ali with his cross finding Brown on the edge of the box. Another poor drive by Brown saw Les Scheinflug on the Marconi bench clutching his head in his hands despairingly.

Peter Treddnick was dispossessed by Watson in the 57th minute and from a quick counter attack Farina raced away to face James and make it 3-0. Surely Marconi was down and out.

Not so. Only three minutes later, Marconi scored through David Lowe. His superb left

footer from 25 metres found the corner of the net to cut Hakoah's lead to two goals.

Just 18 minutes were left when all hell broke loose inside the Hakoah penalty area following a corner from the right. A header by Mark Jankovic was parried by the keeper then a header by Brown was saved on the line by Robertson but the Hakoah defender used his arms and the inevitable followed. The penalty was given but yet again Hakoah survived as young Garamy made a superb save to deny Lowe.

As time ticked away, Marconi looked doomed. Farina broke through on the right then

cut the ball back for Kosmina who could have scored but on this occasion decided to push it wide for Abbas Saad who faced open goal but blasted his shot well over the bar.

This miss proved costly as Marconi stormed back to score through Jankovic. A cross by Treddnick was greeted with a superb header by Jankovic. It was Jankovic's 200th goal in his long and successful career. Hat-trick hero Farina had yet another opportunity to settle the issue as he faced James in the 86th minute but could not find the net and yet again Hakoah was punished severely for the miss.

A Lowe corner was back-headed by Brown to Jankovic whose header beat the keeper. Garamy recovered to drag the ball back but Geoff Gunning followed up to make it 3-3.

Extra time provided the thrills and spills expected of a cup-tie with Paterson making the first break to provide Farina with yet another sliver, but his accuracy was astray again and he skied the shot with James beaten. Then Jankovic beat Robertson at the other end but his shot flashed past the upright with Garamy

helpless. So we were faced with a penalty showdown.

That proved to be a nightmare for the sharpshooters of both sides as both keepers moved with gay abandon to save no less than five penalty kicks before Marconi won.

James saved from Kosmina as did Garamy from Paul Carter. Watson scored as did Treddnick and penalty scores were level at 1-1. Then came another save by James from Paterson, while Gray scored to give Marconi the edge. Saad equalised but Lowe made it 3-2.

Gomez made it 3-3, then came Jankovic with the fifth penalty, aiming to beat Garamy. However, the young keeper judged it well and saved.

Then came the sixth penalty for Hakoah from Murray Barnes and a superb save from James.

Henderson was next and he drove his shot low. Garamy looked to have it covered but the ball slipped through his hands and into the net.

Marconi celebrated while Henderson went up to the unfortunate Garamy to offer a consoling hand.



Marconi captain Tony Henderson — his penalty sent Hakoah out of the finals.



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ADELAIDE JUVEN-TUS 3 (Villani 38th, Mullen 53rd, Mella penalty 76th) **FOOTSCRAY JUST 2** (Bozinovski 9th, Belic 47th). Southern Division Qualifying Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 7,000. Cautions: Bozinovski, Petrovski, Barjaktarevic (FJ). Referee: Gary Power 2.

ADELAIDE JUVEN-TUS: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 8, Nyshokov 7, Tobin 7 — Villani 8, Mella 7, Santapa 7, Vidmar 6 — Mullen 9, Maxwell 7 (Wilde 83rd). **Coach:** Zoran Matic. **FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Nikitovic 5 — Barjaktarevic 6, Karic 6, Belic 8 — Stosis 6, Tapai 7, Bozinovski 6, Spink 7, Petrovski 6 (Curvovic 83rd). **Coach:** Dragoslav Sekularac.

While Joe Mullen was tearing the Footscray JUST defence to shreds and displaying all of the close control, the scintillating pace, the incredible stamina and the vision that first caught the imagination of soccer scribes a few seasons ago, Ossie Latif was wasting most of the rare touches of the ball he had and eventually was taken off by JUST coach Dragoslav Sekularac.

The contrasting fortunes of these rival strikers (tells part of the tale of this game). But the story would be incomplete if referee Gary Power didn't figure prominently in at least a few chapters.

There was the most blatant shirt-pulling I've seen in a long time, the most obvious pushes in the back, trips, mistimed tackles that decked opponents and body-checks that simply elicited a play-on signal from the referee.

But don't for one minute think that one of the sides clearly was disadvantaged by Power's display. Adelaide Juventus won this game on merit. It clearly was the better side and thoroughly deserved its win, but it has to be said that the decisive goal came in controversial circumstances.

There was nothing controversial about the penalty that Power awarded in the 76th minute. Mullen had made one of a number of stunning runs into the JUST area only to be tripped by an ill-timed and clumsy challenge from Rade Barjaktarevic. Quite rightly, referee Power immediately pointed to the spot.

Up strode Serge Mella to deliver the killer blow but JUST goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic tipped Mella's attempt wide. Power ordered a retake, ruling that Nikitovic had moved early and here the controversy crept in.

Zdravko Lujic, JUST's only effective striker, charged up to Power to remonstrate with him as did a number of JUST players. Power was unmoved. So too Mella. He strode up to take a second time and expertly planted the ball past Nikitovic to make it 3-2.

The game was only nine minutes old when Viado Bozinovski gave JUST the lead. Eddie Tapai had slung over a great cross from the left which was headed on by Latif. Warren Spink charged in at the back post and slid down but

couldn't get what surely would have been a decisive touch. But Adelaide Juventus couldn't clear effectively. The ball was played back into the area. Viado Stosis won it in the air and Bozinovski hit it on the turn, sending it into past Willie McNally and into the far corner.

JUST was on the rampage now. It was to be its best period of the match. It should have gone further ahead in the 17th minute.

Lujic shrugged off a challenge wide on the right and saw Latif charging forward goal. Lujic struck the ball low and hard, right into Latif's path but before he could hit it in nipped Neville Flounders to knock the ball out for a corner.

Charley Villani volleyed well over in the 37th minute but a minute later he was celebrating with his team mates after scoring a tremendous equaliser.

Flounders had got forward wide on the right and did well to evade a defender then drive in a fine cross. Steve Maxwell headed on and Villani was lurking at the far post. Villani controlled the ball as two JUST defenders charged at him. Villani sold one of the sweetest dummies you'd care to see, sending both defenders to his left. He then cut inside, to his right, and slammed a low shot past the helpless Nikitovic and into goal.

But two minutes into the second half, JUST was back in front.

Big Vlatko Belic was at the back post as a cross came over. He lined up then volleyed the bouncing ball. Paul Shillabeer was standing next to the post and the ball came straight at him but Shillabeer got his timing dreadfully wrong, allowing the ball to go under his boot and into goal.

But Juventus was like a little terrier that clamps its jaws around the cuffs of your trousers and refuses to let go.

Man of the match:
JOE MULLEN
(Ad. Juventus)

It levelled the scores in the 53rd minute, thanks to the bravery of Mullen and the terrible timing of Nikitovic.

Adrian Santapa supplied the cross and Nikitovic thought that he'd beat Mullen to the ball. How wrong he was. Nikitovic charged off his line but before he could punch clear Mullen had put his head where it could hurt and headed past the JUST goalkeeper.

In the 68th minute, Maxwell cut inside Tom Karic from the left and struck a firm shot but Nikitovic got down to hold the ball cleanly.

In the 70th minute, Stosis, strangely quiet in the second half after a great first stanza, got onto the end of Tapai's cross only to head straight at McNally.

A minute later, Alex Tobin exploited acres of room down the left and sent over a delightful curling cross but Maxwell didn't time his header well and the ball sailed over the bar.

Then came the penalty that sunk JUST. Shortly after, coach Zoran Matic took off Maxwell, goodness knows why.

Right on full time, Karic and Barjaktarevic decided to pass the ball about, inside JUST's defensive half. The man doing the "doggies" was Paul Wilde who had replaced Maxwell. Karic finally hit a poor pass to Barjaktarevic and Wilde intercepted. Wilde played the ball inside to Mullen who held it up just long enough for Aurelio Vidmar to make a fine supporting run on Mullen's right. Mullen slipped and Vidmar but Nikitovic did well to parry Vidmar's shot from 10 metres.



JUST midfielder Ernie Tapai (left) under pressure from Charley Villani of Adelaide Juventus. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

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'Yard Dogs' keep Bergers at bay



GEORGE CROSS 2 (Campel 15th, Mitten 52nd) **HEIDELBERG 1** (Deligiannis 46th). Southern Division Elimination Final at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: about 7,000. Cautions: Deligiannis, Ousalkis, Ketsakidis (H); Maclaren, Mitten (GC). Referee: Richard Lorenc 5.

GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 7 — James 7, Richardson 7, Parton 7 (inj), Innes 81st, Campel 8 — Bain 7, Faulkner 6, Maclaren 7, Markovski 7 — Gilder 6, Mitten 7. Coach: John Gardner.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 7 — Ousalkis 5, Hunter 6, Selemidis 6, Ketsakidis 5 (Valentine H.T. 6) — Kanesoulis 6, Lucchese 8, Byrne 5 (Anastasiadis 74th), Tsolakis 8 — Wilson 7, Deligiannis 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

Darren Byrne was making his NSL debut, Nick Ousalkas was making a

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

rare senior team appearance, Steve Marley and Doug Brown were suspended while Ian McKie and Con Pappas were out through injury — what hope did Heidelberg have against a well drilled outfit like George Cross?

Not much, or so it seemed before this elimination final.

But full credit to Heidelberg for pushing George Cross the way it did, even if Heidelberg's performance mainly was built upon the efforts of three players — Peter Tsolakis, Paul Wilson and Claude Lucchese.

Tsolakis was a bundle of energy. So what's new? Wilson too was a tireless trier up front against "The Yard Dogs" — Shaun Parton, Steve Richardson and Tyrone James — the men who have defended the George Cross goal so well this year, while Lucchese easily was Heidelberg's most effective midfielder.

But it never was going to be enough.

George Cross wasn't brilliant. Far from it. But there was an evenness about its display, a genuine team contribution, that will make George Cross very, very tough to toss. Just watch.

Heidelberg should have opened the scoring in the 12th minute when wee Tsolakis played a superb ball to Wilson on the right of the George Cross area. Wilson struck the ball across the face of goal to the unmarked Nick Deligiannis who completely miscued his shot from just six metres. It was a gilt-edge chance.

Three minutes later, John Campel scored a marvellous goal. He cut in from the left and immediately was confronted by Heidelberg captain and sweeper Theo Selemidis. Campel dummied to go outside Selemidis who took the bait. In a flash, Campel switched to the inside and unleashed a fierce, low drive that beat Jeff Olver at the near post.

Shortly after, a John Kanesoulis cross from the right

Man of the match:
JOHN CAMPEL
(George Cross)

picked out Wilson but he headed straight at Sean Keogh and within minutes Campel played the ball to Noel Mitten on the left of the Heidelberg area. Mitten tried to cut inside but was dispossessed.

In the 35th minute, Lucchese struck his volley well but Keogh saved in an unruffled manner. You hardly had time to blink before John Markovski displayed his renowned shooting power but the ball whistled just over the bar.

Keogh made the save of the match in the 43rd minute when he tipped a low drive from Tsolakis just wide. Had Keogh missed, it was a certain goal.

A minute into the second half scores were level. A superb cross from Wilson on the left was headed past Keogh by Deligiannis. George

Cross had the job in front of it once more.

But Cross responded in the best possible fashion.

In the 52nd minute, Campel sent in a free kick from the left. Parton won it in the air, nodding on for the incoming Roger Bain at the back post and didn't Bain give it everything he's got. The ball thudded against the underside of the bar. Mitten was waiting and clinically tucked it away before Olver could recover.

Jeff Faulkner played the ball to Mitten in the 63rd minute and Mitten motored into the right of the Heidelberg area. He could have shot, he could have set up Carl Gilder and he tried the latter only for Olver to intercept well.

In the 75th minute, Markovski swung over a free kick from the left. Gilder headed on to Bain who was really dangerous coming in late at the back post but Bain's job beat both Olver and the bar.

Four minutes later, Heidelberg should have been put out of its misery. Campel played a superb ball down the left to Mitten who used his strength and his experience to shrug off Ousalkas's challenge. That left Mitten in the clear. He charged toward the penalty area as Olver charged off his line. In the end, Mitten got too close to Olver for the chip he tried to be effective. Olver snatched the ball out of the air.

In the 81st minute, Tyrone James made a crucial fumble on Mike Valentine, who had replaced Chris Ketsakidis at half time. Valentine was lining up a shot from 12 metres when James slid in and won the ball.

Two minutes later, Wilson headed wide following a corner from Valentine and Heidelberg's last chance of taking the contest into extra time came in the 86th minute but Keogh was equal to the task, parrying a vicious shot from Tsolakis and grabbing the ball at the second attempt.

NO SOPER, NO OLYMPIC

By **ALEX VESIC**

ST. GEORGE 1 (Koczka 16th) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0**. Qualifying Final at St. George Stadium, Sunday. Crowd: 7,000. Cautions: Raskopoulos, Phillips, Kalantzis (SO). Referee: Monteverde 9.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 8 — Skeen 6, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — J.

Man of the match:
TERRY GREEDY
(St. George)

O'Shea 7, Moffitt 7, Ricoy 6 — Petkovski 6, Koczka 7, Fletcher 5. Coach: Frank Arok. **OLYMPIC:** Major 8 — Rogers 7, Coady 7, Brandt 8, Spanoudakis 7 — Raskopoulos 7, Estavillo 7, Phillips 6 — Katholos 6 (Chilas 80th), Petalis 6 (Zervas 65th), Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer. Marshall Soper was

missing from Sydney Olympic's line-up last Sunday. The talented striker had an infected toe and could not play against St. George.

Without Soper, Olympic looked pale up front and enthusiastic Chris Kalantzis was the only player Saints had to worry about.

In a match which hardly rose above the standard of an inter-suburban all-age contest, St. George capitalised on an early mistake by Olympic to win the game.

Gary Phillips was the culprit

and attempts by Mike Coady and Gary Meier to remedy the mistake were in vain as Andrew Koczka pounced on the ball to tap it home.

This goal took the wind out of Olympic's sails and for the rest of the match Saints relied on their defence to frustrate Olympic.

Greedy, Ratcliffe and Michael O'Shea were involved in some elaborate passes to draw Olympic players forward and waste time.

In fact Saints were caught on quite a few occasions playing for time and could have paid dearly.

Kalantzis sent some brilliant headers towards the Saints goal and the one in the 79th from 14 metres was awesome indeed. Had it have been wide of Greedy I feel that extra time would have been odds on.

In fairness to the winning side, I must stress that it always created more opportunities and denied Olympic any room for creativity.

Vicente Estavillo struggled during the first half but stamped his authority during the second, showing off his fine

skills and accurate passing while Peter Raskopoulos showed the enthusiasm to go forward and try his luck with a shot or two.

Petkovski, Ricoy and Koczka had chances to make this afternoon a miserable one for the Olympic fans but failed, showing up Saints' inept and ineffective forward line. Those silky skills of Cotton and Belucis would have done wonders on a day like this.

If either side repeats this performance then I'll tip Croatia and Marconi to meet in the Grand Final.

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As they hardly could when they saw Gento's precocious wing play during the re-screening of the 1960 final last year.

As for us of a different generation who will certainly believe it, it will be a different source of wonder.

What has happened to wingers? After all, wingers were a simple tool with simple qualities. As Aston shows, habitually destroying the Benfica right back Adolfo, all they needed was an explosive burst of acceleration, close control in flight, and an ability to make the accurate cross.

Which most players today have in abundance. When I pondered over this recently a top NSL coach told me the advent of the sweeper destroyed wingers.

But, being more naive in these tactical matters than qualified coaches, I then wondered how, in all the 20 odd years since Alf Ramsey's wingless men won the World Cup, no technical genius has come up with the strategy to permanently counter the sweeper and re-establish once and for all the beauty of wing play.

I know that one particular turn in the game's evolution since then had been the use of the overlapping defender.

That is, the winger would move inside, taking his man with him, leaving space for the fullback to burst through and make his cross.

Already, in Ramsey's team, that was happening with Cohen on the right and, at times, Wilson on the left galloping forward as pseudo wingers creating defensive confusion.

But, either because coaches have worked on a counterplan to that strategy or — more likely — fullbacks with the talent to transform into wingers are few, the pattern had not evolved to be particularly permanent.

Frank Arok, as we know, favors fullbacks who are more



LES MURRAY

wingers than fullbacks. But don't we know how hard it seems for him to find them? (Although he may have found one in the revitalised Wally Savor. Don't be surprised to see him back in the squad).

And we also saw, from the way Czechoslovakia played, that the system so richly reliant on attacking fullbacks can be beaten. Simply by playing with wingers.

In the first game in Melbourne, both Jennings and Postecoglou were forced on the back foot by the wingers that confronted them. Had they ventured forward as they had hoped, and surely were planning to do, the two Czech flankmen may have run riot.

So they held back, hence Australia's futile attempts to break through the middle and the need, later, to bring on the likes of Kalantzis to add strength to the Australian flanks.

Wing play is still devastating and still the most deadly way to beat an entire defence. Simply because humans are not equipped to be very efficient while running backwards.

Once a winger manages to reach the byline the defenders, no matter how good, are helpless. They are caught running backwards, facing the wrong way and the attacking target men in the middle breathing down their necks are at a devastating advantage. Facing the ball, running forward, all they have to do is tap in.

Among our resources there are two young men whom, forced by the needs of efficient wing play, I can see spotting a more permanent place in the Socceroo lineup.

Chris Kalantzis and Frank Farina are both at home on the flanks. Both are superbly quick, strong and aggressive.

If Frank Arok can get away with getting a maximum amount of wingplay out of Jennings and Postecoglou maybe he won't need them.

But if he can't, and the Czechs proved that he may not be able to, he may be forced to make Kalantzis and Farina regulars rather than just youthful reserves.

Zurich lists Rufer

● Wynton Rufer, New Zealand's talented World Cup striker, has been transfer listed by FC Zurich.

The Swiss club said its committee decided last week to release him. He would be allowed to resume training, but no longer would be considered for the first team.

The First Division club suspended Rufer indefinitely the previous week and banned him from training after he missed the team coach to an away game. Rufer claimed he had overslept.

Rufer now could join West German Bundesliga club Borussia Moenchengladbach which trialled him recently.

● Many First Division players staged a strike in protest over recently introduced transfer restrictions, on the Greek League's opening day. Nine teams fielded amateur selections and two games were postponed.

● Hundreds of fans took to the streets in the Sicilian city of Palermo after learning that their local club would be closed down until it can give the Italian federation guarantees over financial liabilities.

Palermo is believed to be \$22,800,000 in debt.

● Azeelio Vicini, who guided Italy to the European under-21 Championship, is the new manager of Azzurri's senior team.

● Graham Turner became the first managerial casualty of the new English season when dismissed by Aston Villa, then second from bottom in Division One.

● Any Australian soccer follower looking through a recent edition of the English magazine Football would have been surprised to read that the former Newcastle KB United full back Paul Reaney had once won Australia's Footballer of the Year accolade.

The claim appears in a "Where Are They Now" piece which details Reaney's career and his life after leaving British soccer in 1980.

Although the Englishman's memory of accolades won at Newcastle is pleasant and he says that he would have settled permanently and accepted a coaching position but for family commitments.

Today, Reaney is involved in coaching schoolboys and works for an agency which specialises in providing sports stars to attend various functions, such as celebrity dinners, supermarket openings, etc.

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Thankfully, when Mundial '86 kicked off the former had been subdued and the latter was emphasised in Mexico.

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● Frank Farina — the man behind Hakoah's amazing comeback in the Nanda Cup Final.

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Amoros head-butted Olsen

Before it ran out of steam against West Germany, France delighted all those privileged to see it during the 1986 World Cup Finals and proved it has a depth of talent which must be the envy of all other nations.

Michael Platini and Alain Giresse, alchemists of the tricolors "golden era", may have bowed out of international soccer, but such an abundance of

able players still is available that the French can look forward to the future with much optimism.

24-year old Manuel Amoros, voted the Mundial's best defender, should be wearing France's blue jersey for some years yet, with further glory a real prospect.

Like many other great French players, Amoros has a foreign background — both his parents are natives of Alicante, Spain.

As a teenager, he helped Monaco's reserve team win two French League Third Division titles and gained international caps at youth and under-21 levels before gaining a regular place in the Monaguesque first team.

Amoros had not completed his initial full season of Division One football when called upon for the French senior selection. The match was against Italy (which was to become world champion a few months

later) — a team France had not beaten in 62 years.

The debutant played brilliantly as the Azurri fell 2-0 and he went on to make five appearances in the 1982 World Cup finals. His skilful, constructive play in defence marked him as an exciting prospect.

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● Paul Reaney

ADELAIDE HELLAS 2
(Hristodoulou 49th, 112th) SYDNEY HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina 61st, Farina 114th, 118th) after extra time. Nanda Cup Final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3200. Referee: Mellings 7.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sparoul 7, Scott 8, Honeyman 8, Dunn 8, Hiern 7, Kristodoulou 8, Manou 8, Panagis 7, Atsalas 7, Papadopoulos 7, Konstantopoulos 7 (Price 120th). Coach: Edmund Krieff. SYDNEY HAKOAH: Hughes

9. Rodrigues 7 (Saad 37th, 7). Robertson 8, Hooker 8, de Marigny 7, Sounness 7, Watson 7, Lee 8, Barnes 8, Harper 88th). Farina 9, Kosmina 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Nanda Cup Final drama of the highest magnitude was played out at the brightly lit Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night when Socceroo striker Frank Farina steered Sydney Hakoah to a great comeback with two fine extra-time goals.

Just when this fiercely fought final seemed certain to be decided on penalty kicks, fighting Farina struck with all the venom of a cobra to score twice in a thrilling four-minute burst.

Up until then, Hellas had every reason to believe it had won the \$70,000 series.

Hellas ruled the roost from the kick-off and was desperately unlucky not to have scored in the 15th minute when George Konstantopoulos hit the far post with a shot directed at an empty net after a rebound had fallen into his path.

The home side took a deserved lead after a sweeping move as Konstantopoulos found Lou Hristodoulou and the Youth Socceroo slipped the ball past Brett Hughes in the Sydney Hakoah goal.

John Kosmina's equaliser in the 61st minute, as he hammered into the roof of the net from the apex of the six metre box, provided a sweet return to his old home ground.

But Hristodoulou proved that youth could have its sting as he notched his second goal of the final to regain the lead for Hellas.

With limbs aching and lungs bursting only a champion team, led by a champion, could stage the type of grandstand finish as that produced by Farina.

It was a comeback to end all comebacks and gallant Hellas was left to lament its second Cup Final loss in five years.

Meanwhile, Eddie Thomson's men, well used to league success, at last could celebrate a Cup Final triumph — their first in a decade of endeavor.

While Farina snared the accolades with his spectacular finale, it should be remembered that the trophy would have gone to Hellas had Brett Hughes not performed magical goalkeeping feats during the extra-time period when Hellas mounted enormous pressure.



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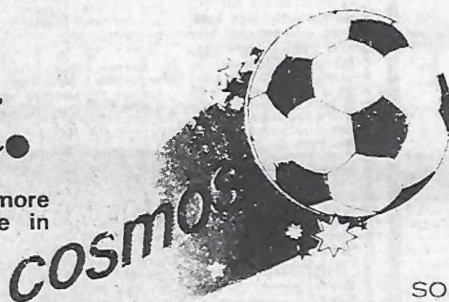
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A memorable day for Melita



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

As anticipated, Melita Eagles made a clean sweep of the matches played last Sunday to enter the Grand Final in all three grades, the best result ever achieved by the club.

Melita's President Laurie Dimech last weekend was presented with the trophy for the Club Championship making it one of the most memorable days in the club's history.

It is now no secret that Melita already is planning a huge publicity campaign to attract its largest support ever on Grand Fi-

nal day in two weeks time.

And while its first and second grade sides were expected to succeed last weekend, having won their Premiership for 1986, it was a pleasant surprise to see the Melita third graders beat Sutherland 1-0.

It is now repechage time and difficult for all

concerned. In third grade, Sutherland should, however, defeat Rockdale Ilinden. Despite some good results by Ilinden I feel that the loss of Lazarovski though suspension should be enough to guarantee the Sharks entry into the Grand Final.

The second grade repechage final will see Penrith pitted against Freshwater or Sutherland against Freshwater. Sutherland has lodged a protest over the result of 1-0 loss last weekend Penrith claiming that Grey should not have played in the elimination final. It is difficult to see either Sutherland or Penrith succeeding against this in-form Freshwater.

As for the first grade game, I am afraid that it is going to be an extra time and penalties affair between Manly and Sutherland.

Manly had a number of yellow cards against Melita and that may cause some suspensions. The Sharks certainly have the edge and I would not deny their enthusiastic and bustling game can take this young outfit into the Grand Final against Melita.

Manly will curse me for this prediction, but yet again I stick to my guns. Mind you, should Manly win this one and the Grand Final the following week, I might be forced to take a prolonged holiday in the Solomon Islands. But if Sutherland wins then I'll collect some nice wagers from some notable figures from the Manly Warringah district.

Whatever the outcome, it is going to be a fiercely-fought contest well worth watching with neither side giving an inch.

Hughes humbles Ilinden, Vial turns the tide

Sutherland 1 R. Ilinden 0

Elimination Final. Scorer: Hughes 35th.

High-flying Rockdale Ilinden came down to earth with a thud after Scott Hughes gave Sutherland a narrow but deserved victory at Melita Stadium last Saturday.

Rockdale Ilinden is now out of the race for the championship despite finishing second in the league.

Ilinden, without suspended Vladimir Torvetski in mid-field, lacked cohesion and was outplayed during the first period. The experience of Steve Meades and Mark Harrington and the enthusiasm of

FIRST GRADE

Greg Lerond and Bruce Johnston were telling factors as Sutherland was in control during the first 45 minutes.

Ilinden hardly could raise enough steam and ideas to find a way forward and when it did very little was achieved.

Peter Terry was the dominant figure at the back. Calm and playing with assurance, Terry was an inspiration to those Sutherland youngsters surrounding him. Craig Burrows and Robert Sellar were particularly effective, giving nothing away, while Brett Nelson outplayed Jimmy Ristevski on the flank.

Only once did Ilinden get close to scoring after a free

kick had been awarded some 25 metres from goal. Zlatko Nastevski, 22-goal star of Ilinden in 1986, lined up against a well organised wall of defenders and his shot skimmed past the edge of the wall but not past the State League's best custodian, Craig Burchmore.

Sutherland took the lead after 35 minutes when a floated delivery deceived Billy Pilovski, falling inside Ilinden's penalty area. Peter Berry stood on his line as if mesmerised as Hughes unleashed a powerful drive which landed under the crossbar.

Minutes into the second half and Ilinden almost levelled the scores. A volley by Ristevski

from a cross by Genovese finished inches over the bar.

Patrick Rodas was soon in the thick of things as he found his way into the penalty area and with three players in support, Rodas decided to go for a shot. But it finished wide with his team mates clutching their heads in disbelief.

Grbevski replaced Geoff Wilson and Spirovski replaced Jones as coach Ilija Takac decided to attack at all costs. And he almost was repaid with a fine effort by Grbevski. The ex-St. George youngster raced around Burchmore but ran too wide and had to check back before chipping the ball to Tony Genovese. The ex-APLA youngster took too long to settle on the ball and the chance went begging.

As Ilinden came out, attempting to equalise, its defence was left barren and brittle. Hughes' late run could have ended all Ilinden's hopes as his cross found two Sutherland players against just one defender. The first shot was blocked by Berry then the ball rebounded to Cashman who could not and the net after a despairing dive by Berry.

Craig Hill and Steve Meades came close to scoring in the closing stages for Sutherland but in the end it was the 35th minute goal by Hughes which counted.

Billy Pilovski, Peter Berry and Geoff and Darren Wilson were Ilinden's stars while few could doubt the value of Burchmore, Burrows, Sellar, Lerond and Hughes — Sutherland's youth brigade.

THIRD GRADE

R. Ilinden 1 Penrith 0

Elimination Final. Scorer: Lazarevski 78th.

Rockdale Ilinden won its way into yet another play-off situation but will most probably face Sutherland without its star player Peter Lazarevski.

The man who decided the issue against Penrith with a fine effort from the edge of the area in the 78th minute was sent off a few minutes later.

Both sides played well and fought hard, just as in their previous clashes this season which ended in draws (0-0, 1-1). Kotevski, Kypridis and Bresolin looked unbeatable at the back for Ilinden and in the end that was the deciding factor.

Melita Eagles 1 Sutherland 0

Qualifying final. Scorer: A glancing header by

Chris Ortiz saw the only unbeaten side in 1986 leave the field with its head down.

Sutherland, having drawn four and won 18 games, went into the match as an outright favourite.

However, Melita was the better team and if it wasn't for Simpson the scoreline would have looked far better for Melita.

Sutherland had complained after the match about a ruling by referee Bollard.

De Marco equalised after beating the outside trap. The linesman kept his flag down and De Marco made no mistake. However, referee Bollard overruled the linesman and awarded Melita a free kick, ruling that De Marco was outside.

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SECOND GRADE

Penrith 2 Sutherland 0

Elimination Final. Scorer: Thompson 10th, Plumb 75th.

The much fancied youngsters of Sutherland had most of the play and created more chances but fell apart in front of goal and paid the price for it.

Penrith City capitalised on an early mistake by Sutherland to score through Craig Thompson but despite its lead never looked comfortable in defence.

Scoka and Rolis were prominent for Penrith early and gave Sutherland some anxious moments but that apart it was the young Sharks who looked awesome with their determined runs forward.

Corner kicks aptly floated crosses rained down on the Penrith penalty area with a number of clear cut chances falling to Sutherland but Townsend stood tall for his side in goal.

He threw himself at everything and anything attempting to block shots at goal. His work in the air was first rate.

Aided by some appalling finishing by Sutherland, Penrith withstood the pressure then

counter-attacked with 15 minutes to go to score the clincher through Darren Plumb.

Melita Eagles 3 Freshwater 0

Qualifying Final. Scorer: 37th Smith, 66th Dalton, 79th Lericic.

A corner kick by Melita decided the issue for the home side in the 37th minute. The shoulder height ball directed from the corner was flicked on by McCannor and Smith was at the far post to send in an angled shot to score.

From then on it was no contest, despite Warringah Freshwater's strength. Some six first graders from last season played in its second grade side but none impressed more than Garrett and Nacinovic. However, that wasn't enough to make an impression on this Melita side.

Warren Dalton was faced with the simplest task of beating an exposed keeper in the 66th and Lericic, only a few minutes after coming on, made it 3-0 after he intercepted a poor back pass to beat Bowman.



Air Malta player of the year award

No further list of leading players will be published. The winner will be announced at the "Soccer Action" Player of the Year dinner to be held at the Fraternity club in Fairy Meadow on October 11.

SUTHERLAND 1 (Hughes 35th) ROCKDALE ILINDEN First Grade Elimination Final.
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 8 — Nelson 7, Burrows 7, Sellar 7 — Johnston 7 (Cashman 75th) Meades 7, Harrington 7, Lerond 7 — Hughes 8, Sharp 6 (Hill 75th).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN — Berry 8 — G Wilson 9 (Grbevski 60th), Pilovski 8, D Wilson 7, Rodas 7 — Degney 6, Jones 5 (Spirovski 70th), Nastovski 6 — Genovese 6, Nastevski 5, Ristevski 5.

MELITA EAGLES 3 (Vial 35th, Callanan 89th, Farrugia pen. 90th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Campbell 70th). First Grade qualifying final.

MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7 — Callanan 8, Wilson 8, McCoy 7, Treddenick 7 — Callanan 7, Farrugia 6, Farnsworth 7, Serbas 5 (72nd Meerbanian) — Vial 8, McFadden 7.

MANLY: Catlin 6 — Dennis 7, Dick 7, Robin 8, Van Eymond 7 — Marshall 6, Campbell 6, Dean 6, Stuart 7 (Etherington 72nd), Allan 8 (Davies 72nd).

PENRITH CITY 2 (Thompson 10th, Plumb 75th) SUTHERLAND 0. Second Grade Elimination Final.

MELITA EAGLES 3 (37th Smith, 66th Dalton, 79th Lericic) FRESHWATER 0. Second Grade Qualifying Final.

MELITA: Avellino — Furness, Lomas, Smith, Cabbasi — Daley (64th Watkins), Baldocchino, Solidakis — Dalton, McCannor (77th Lericic), Brunner.

FRESHWATER: Bowman — G Evers, S Evers, Placer, Ouvrier (45th Smith), Friend, Garrett, Cleary — Dunn (64th Lampard), Sandner, Nacinovic.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Lazarevski 78th) PENRITH CITY 0. Third Grade Elimination Final.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotevski — Aleviski, Kypridis, Bresolin, Sotiris, Street, Wenham — Dounis, Tanevski, Lazarevski.

PENRITH CITY: Blow — Cottrell — Dormer, Canciani, Grubba, Birnie — Brown, Jones, Hersey — Maher, Dudman, Dinn.

MELITA EAGLES 7 (Or 44th) SUTHERLAND 0. Third Grade Qualifying Final.

MELITA: Behn — Corio, Allen, Genovese, Reveley — Karahotsitis (53rd Agamennios), Vela, Rago (64th Athanasys), Brown, Ortiz, Pazos.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson — Long, Faiding, Long, Forester, Jovenco, Barr (59th Demarco), Christodolou, Leney, Frearson, Mellier.

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• Jim MacLean



• Ian Stirton



• Dean Hennessy

Fleming Medal countdown

Emil Bruns, Keith Adams, Ally Dick, Jim MacLean, Ian Stirton, Dean Hennessy, Danny Zemunik, Robert Krajacic, Lou Theodosopoulos, Andy Humble, George McMillan, Roy Walsh.

Is the winner of the 1986 Bill Fleming Medal in that group?

The Fleming Medal for the best player in the Victorian State League and a host of other major awards will be announced at the All Stars Awards Night to be held at Arion Receptions, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy on Friday night.

The other awards are: Victorian NSL Player of the Year, Victorian NSL under 21 Player of the Year, Victorian Coach of the Year, Victorian League Player of the Year and Victorian Referee of the Year.

All awards will be voted for by members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association. The Fleming Medal is decided by a panel of nine soccer scribes appointed by the VSF. These panelists vote on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. The votes are tallied by VSF executive director George Wallace.

Zemunik, the Caulfield City striker, topped a poll of State League coaches conducted by Peter Desira in 'The Sun' last week.

It was a surprising result for young Zemunik is only in his first season in State

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

League. Yet he's a great competitor, something that obviously struck a chord with the coaches.

Bruns has been touted about the traps as a Fleming Medal winner, mainly by journalists who remember some of his displays for Morwell Falcons in the pre-season Buffalo Gold Cup. Certainly Bruns has had a great league season and in my opinion he is one of the best stoppers in the competition.

Adams of Springvale City is the best sweeper in State League for mine. He won 'Soccer Action's' Ameco Travel award for the State League Player of the Year by a clear margin.

Krajacic, the St Albans Dinamo player, is the most promising sweeper in State League. Krajacic has had an outstanding season and has thoroughly vindicated the decision of coach Tony Vrzina to sign him from Green Gully. In fact, Krajacic quite easily could play in the current Gully side.

Dick, the Pines striker, already is a strong tip for the Rothmans Medal so he surely will poll well in the Fleming Medal. He's good on the ball and that's bound to catch the eye of many journalists.

Jim MacLean's been there and done that. He's still the best midfielder in the league as far as I'm concerned. He'll cer-

HUNTER, DOBSON, CRAINIE VIE FOR NSL AWARD

tainly be one of the six players I'll be voting for.

Ian Stirton was the leading scorer in State League this season and the excitement he creates inside penalty areas definitely is eye-catching. Will it be enough to earn him the nod from the scribes?

Dean Hennessy of Box Hill really is a fine prospect. I marvel at the way he goes forward, his control is good for a big man and you rarely see him just booting the ball out of the danger zone. He always wants to play football. I like that in a defender.

Little Lou Theodosopoulos of Melbourne Hungaria has big ambitions. He's a big talent too. He's got his supporters among the journalists, don't worry about that.

And I don't mind letting you know that

I'm a big fan of Thomastown's George McMillan, who is the best competitor I've seen in Australian soccer. McMillan might not have started the year well due to the pressures of being a player-coach, but once he only had to concentrate on playing he consistently was amongst Thomastown's best.

Roy Welsh of Fawkner must rank as the pick of the imports this season, the northern Irishman has been a steady influence at the back and it wouldn't surprise if he polled well.

The leading candidates for the Victorian NSL Player of the Year award appear to be Theo Selemidis and Alan Hunter of Heidelberg, Paul Wade of Juventus, Ian Dob-

son of Makedonia, George Hannah of Croatia, Danny Crainnie of Hellas and Tommy Cumming of Green Gully.

I'll be absolutely speechless if Angie Postecoglou of Hellas doesn't win the under 21 Player of the Year award after a season in which he has made the step between youth and senior soccer selection. Little Peter Tsolakis of Heidelberg and Joe Palatides of Juventus will have their admirers though. So too will George Cross's teenage sensation John Markovski.

The candidates for Coach of the Year are Len McHenry of Juventus, Drago Sekularac of JUST, John Gardiner of George Cross, Brian Garvey of Heidelberg and Peter Ollerton of Crocydon.

Chris Bambridge is a firm favorite for the Referee of the Year award.

Previous Fleming Medal winners:

1971 — Jim Pyrgolios (Hellas); 1972 — John Gardiner (George Cross); 1973 — Frank Micic (JUST); 1974 — Jim Armstrong (Hellas); 1975 — Billy Voytek (Juventus); 1976 — Jim Tansey (Slavia); 1977 — Mick Watkins (Juventus); 1978 — Tommy Cumming (Croatia); 1979 — Tommy Cumming (Croatia); 1980 — Jimmy Dunne (Green Gully); 1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston City); 1982 — Peter Lewis (Green Gully); 1983 — Paul Lewis (Green Gully); 1984 — Steve Smith (Box Hill); 1985 — Jim MacLean (Morwell Falcons).

Jenkins takes Campbelltown to title in SA

David Jenkins, SA's most innovative and unorthodox manager-coach, has achieved a major triumph by steering Campbelltown City to the 1986 Rothmans League championship.

The fans and officials at Stradbroke Road are absolutely delighted by the success and with good reason — because it was the Red Devils' first top division title since they won promotion to First Division eight years ago.

When Jenkins accepted the post at the beginning of the season, he startled many within the club by signing three experienced campaigners — Jimmy Mitchell, Chris Key and Garle Dooley.

Word was that Mitchell, elder brother of Socceroo and Eintracht Frankfurt striker David Mitchell, was over-the-hill as a First Division player. It was a view shared by First Division clubs, Para Hills and Modbury, both of which allowed Mitchell to join, but eventually both rejected him as a first team prospect.

But Jenkins's faith in Mitchell was fully rewarded.

Ace midfielder-cum-sweeper Dooley and striker Key joined Mitchell in playing significant roles in Campbelltown's success along with captain Steve Amos, dynamic goalkeeper Robbie Parks and veteran striker Marcel Barendregt.

Jenkins brought out the best in those players and the rest of his squad.

Jenkins's philosophy is based on looking beyond soccer concepts when planning his strategies.

He first came under notice when he coached Croatia in the 1979 Ampol Cup final, series when he employed countless variations to set-piece plays.

The first corner-kick Croatia took in that series caused a buzz of bewilderment in the crowd and pandemonium for the defending side.

Not a single Croatia player entered the penalty area as the

By ALLAN CRISP

corner kick was about to be taken.

Instead, every Croatia player, with the exception of the goalkeeper, formed a wall on the edge of the box and made a collective rush as the ball floated into the goalmouth.

Jenkins carried those surprise tactics to Polonia when he joined that club in 1983 and to Para Hills last year.

It was at The Paddock that Jenkins introduced rehearsed moves which were designated

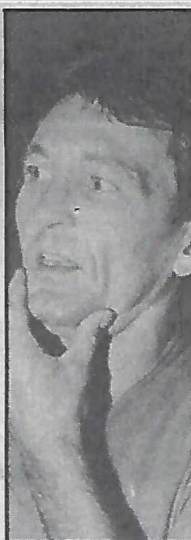
by names, rather than by numbers.

Terms like "bus queue, half moon, sleeper and argument" were used extensively to bemuse the opposition.

English-born Jenkins, who migrated to Australia in 1971, believes that training must be varied to avoid loss of concentration.

"Players will adapt to a boring routine, but the adage applies — a bored player is a poor player," Jenkins said.

Boredom was not a problem at Campbelltown City this season and there was nothing boring about its championship-winning performances.



• Jimmy Mitchell

IN BRIEF

North Dandenong and Broadmeadows will clash in a postponed Victorian League First Division match at Lois Twohig Reserve, North Dandenong on Sunday.

The reserve team game starts at 1pm. The seniors kick off at 3pm.

North Dandenong has reappointed senior coach Billy Milne and reserve team coach Billy Martin for the 1987 season.

The club has high hopes for some of its promising youngsters, notably Mark McGuiness and Andrew and Michael McCormick.

For the first time, a side has succeeded in bringing a JLMC Cup to the Mornington Peninsula.

Skye Rovers created history when they defeated Sunshine Heights 2-0 recently in the final of the JLMC Kurt Defris Memorial Cup for under 14s. C. Seison and S. Parrott were the scorers.

The boys have played at Super League level for the past three seasons, no mean feat, and their Cup triumph was a fitting reward for the effort

and application they have shown in that time.

Victoria's under 14s returned recently from the Gold Coast after a series of classic performances which clinched the national title.

The young Victorians collected 15 points from eight games. Their excellent teamwork and consistent individual displays were highlighted by some superb goals.

Captain Sonny Seven led the goal-scoring list with 16 goals. Other scorers were: Louis Bekiaris 8, Kris Trajanovski 4, Gavin Sambell 4, Ollie Pondeljak 3, Romeo Di Martino, Gino Di Benedetto and Christian Ooykaas.

Coach Bernie Shaw was delighted with the way the boys confidently adapted to the flat, grassy surface at the Carrara Sports Complex and the way in which they completely dominated the competition.

The full Victorian squad was: Frank Talia (Knox), Dino Minocic (Croatia), Spiros Kollevris (Fawkner), Engle Schmidt (Skye Rovers), Jason Koliba (George Cross), Ooykaas (Skye Rovers), Seven (Heidelberg), Di Martino (Thomastown), Trajanovski (East Geelong), Bekiaris (Fawkner), Di Benedetto (Fawkner), Pondeljak (St Albans Dinamo), Daniel McMinimee (Skye

Rovers), Vitale Ferrante (Fawkner), Sambell (Skye Rovers), Angelos Karageorgiou (Hellas).

Here are the final championship standings:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Victoria	7	1	0	38	2	15
NSW	4	0	24	3	12	
Queensland	4	2	23	5	12	
Tasmania	4	1	13	19	9	
SA	4	0	4	11	8	
NT	2	2	3	9	8	
WA	2	1	5	11	7	
ACT	0	2	6	3	26	2
	0	1	7	2	21	1

This year's Victorian Indoor Championships will be held in Geelong on October 18 and 19.

The venue will be the Corio Leisuretime Centre, Anakie Road, Bell Park. Four courts will be in use in this modern complex which has ample parking and catering facilities.

Geelong has been one of the most active indoor centres in the state, fielding a very competitive State League side earlier this season.

Geelong's under-15 team represented Victoria at the National Championships in Canberra in 1985 and won the title; an under-13 team won the national club championships earlier this year in Sydney while five Geelong players are members of Australian national squads which will be touring overseas this year.

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IT'S CROYDON!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

A pal of mine from Frankston Pines (yes, believe it or not I've got a couple) strolled into the 'Soccer Action' offices last Friday and boldly declared: 'We'll win the State League Cup. We'll beat Croydon in the final.'

Now he is what I call a bold cavalier.

Granted, Croydon will line up in Saturday's State League Cup Final at Wembley Park without midfielder Jim MacLean, who has been suspended over a dispute about match payments and wee Matt McDonald, who has called it quits this season in order to recover from injury.

But that's no reason to get carried away. None whatsoever.

Croydon still is a damn good side. Don't believe me? Then ask Box Hill. Croydon's victim in the State League Cup semi.

And don't think that because Darren Cooper is yet to establish himself in State League that he can't play. Young Cooper's pace will

give Pines plenty to think about.

Among many reasons that I'll be at the match, one stands out — to see Frank Macleod and Graham French exchange pleasantries in centrefield.

'The Frenchman' has had a great season, his second in a row for Croydon, while 'Fearless Frank' doesn't know how to take a backward step. That should make for a most intriguing confrontation.

With MacLean sidelined I would have thought that Dave Brogan would have dropped back into midfield. Not so. Croydon coach Peter Ollerton came up with the answer in the form of that hustling, bustling, non-stop competitor Andy Humble.

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● Frank Macleod

who played in midfield against the Hillmen.

Ally Dick was injured and missed Pines' 1-0 win over St Albans Dinamo in the semi but he'll be back in action on Saturday, bursting at the seams to get stuck-in to Croydon. Dick is likely to play out wide on the right of the Pines midfield which means that he'll confront Alec Livingstone. They should have a tremendous clash. Dick is the better player defensively but Livingstone can destroy



● Graham French

sides with his close skill and crossing ability. Not that Dick too can't go forward, indeed that's his strength, but he may not be given as much freedom as he'd like. It's a delicate balance I suppose, a decision facing every coach. For McMinime, the decision will be based on the best contribution to the team. Is it in Pines' best interests to use Dick to keep Livingstone in check or are Pines best served if Dick is allowed to attack?

I've stuck with Croydon throughout the league season and I'll stick with it here. It has enough good players to win the State League Cup.

The curtain raiser at Wembley Park is the play-off for third and fourth places in the State League Cup between Box Hill and Dinamo.

Both camps probably are grumbling about having to play in the type of contest that gave the word 'mean-ingles' its quintessential quality.

I well remember last year's third and fourth place play-off at Smith Reserve between Croydon and Western Suburbs. I think I made spectator Joe Docherty the man-of-the-match. Truly, it was a farce.

So I sympathise with the Box Hill and Dinamo players.

Look at it this way. You're under no pressure to perform. None at all. So just sit on your feet for 90 minutes and you'll be able to have a lovely cold beer in the Box Hill clubrooms at the end of it.

What a nice way to spend a day.

Hughes to ho Taylor sen

By KEN KONTRA

Wilhelmina 2 Box Hill 2

Scorers: Mazzagetti 24th, Nyholt 54th, Storm 63rd, Burton 77th. Box Hill won 4-3 on penalties.

Venue: Jubilee Park.

After a rather slow and even opening, with play mostly confined to the middle of the park, Box Hill caught Wilhelmina napping and took the lead in the 24th minute.

Sixteen-year-old Andrew Mazzagetti ghosted in behind the Wilhelmina defence to slam home Alan Roodhouse's low cross from close range.

Five minutes later, Colin Blackley did well to save Barry Burton's header and at the other end Stuart Thomson made an excellent run but instead of passing to Kees Storm free on his right, tried to do too much and was dispossessed by sweeper Dean Hennessy.

John Nyholt had three shots blocked before Box Hill managed to clear its lines, this being the best chance Wilhelmina had for an equaliser in the first half.

Tragedy struck for Box Hill soon after the start of the second half. Andy Hughes fell awkwardly after a

legitimate tackle and was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital for precautionary X-rays for a suspected fractured leg.

The game, which had not reached a high level anyway, became even scrappier after this incident, and neither team could sustain momentum nor develop any rhythm.

In the 54th minute, Wilhelmina drew level through a fine opportunist goal by Nyholt. Harry McKinley knocked the ball behind the Box Hill defence, Nyholt reached it ahead of the hesitant John McKinley and beat the keeper with a well judged lob.

Nine minutes later, Wilhelmina took the lead as a result of a strange refereeing decision. The ball was lobbed into the Box Hill penalty area, the linesman had his flag up but as McKinley punched clear under pressure from Ron Verriers, the referee waved play on. Unfortunately for Box Hill, the ball only travelled as far as Storm on the edge of the penalty area and he scored with a looping header.

Just two minutes later, Box Hill had the ball on the net but after first pointing to the centre, the referee

WAKE UP, VSF

Peter Desira

The Victorian Soccer Federation should wake up to reality and scrap the State League Cup which has become a totally meaningless competition.

Years ago it gave the top four clubs a second chance at grabbing an honor for the season and was a viable competition because the attendance still made it worthwhile for clubs to compete even though there was never any prize money involved.

Nowadays with the State League clubs attracting handfuls of supporters even on good days, it seems a total waste of time dragging their hardcore of workers all the way to places like Noble Park to play a double header mid week in freezing conditions when there is only the burden of players' wages to gain from the exercise.

With only a meaningless trophy at stake and no prize money involved, it virtually means all four clubs will lose money even if the quartet decided to pay only training money and not contract wages for games.

The clubs are fully justified in taking that action but sooner or later more players are going to follow the lead taken by former Rothmans Medalist Jim MacLean, who refused to play in the competition because Croydon decided against forking out match payments.

Croydon suspended MacLean for the rest of the season meaning that the classy midfielder will be missing from Saturday's State League Cup Final and all Rioch Dockerty Cup commitments.

It's a sad indication of the state of the game at what is the top level of soccer in Victoria but the VSF should really take a closer look at itself and scrap competitions if they become meaningless.

What is really amazing is that although the season is already overburdened with competitions, we are being deluged with more end-of-

CROYDON 4 (French penalty 69th, Livingstone 71st, Cooper 86th, Humble 88th) BOX HILL 0. State League Cup semi-final at Ross Reserve, last Wednesday night. Crowd: 250 (double header). Referee: Peter Mateski 8.

CROYDON: Waterman 7, Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansley 8, Beech 7, Harbison 6, Humble 7, Livingstone 8, Cooper 7, Brogan 8, French 6, Coach: Peter Ollerton.
BOX HILL: McKinlay 6, McPhee 7, A. McMillan 6, D. Hennessy 6, Hird 5, Ramos 5, Burton 5, Hughes 6, McKenna 7, Gagic 5 (Roodhouse 63rd), Mazzagetti 5, Coach: Keith Webster.

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Runje 4th) ST. ALBANS DINAMO 0. State League Cup semi-final at Ross Reserve, last Wednesday night. Crowd: 250 (double header). Referee: Ziggy Mnich 6.

FRANKSTON PINES: Bolan 9, Macleod 6, Thurlow 7, Bozic 6, Ross 6, Webster 7, Cullen 6, Ferris 5, Watson 8, Runje 8, Armstrong 7, Coach: Danny McMinime.
ST. ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grbic 9, Kustura (fm, Dragovic 12th), Kracic 7, Brkljacic 7, Kusman 7, Batnovic 6, M. Wilson 8, Culina 5, Rastovic 7, Duzel 6, Lloyd 8, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

season competitions run by individuals and communities like the Qantas World Cup, and tournaments involving the Croatian and Polish communities.

By the time players finish their commitments it will be time to star pre-season training again and we will be seeing worn-out players going through the motions.

How can we ever hope to see an improvement in the playing standard under such circumstances?

For the record, Croydon will take on Frankston Pines in the State League Cup Final, and if St Albans Dinamo and Box Hill can scrape together 11 players each, they will battle it out in the cur-

tain raiser for an even more meaningless third spot.

Croydon defeated Box Hill 4-0 in the semi-final cramming all four goals into a 20-minute spell in the second half.

Box Hill should have taken the lead when Keith Waterman dropped a Pedro Ramos freekick but with no-one following up, the keeper was given the time to recover from his mistake and gather the ball safely in the 67th minute.

The Croydon backline had been well in command throughout the match and Box Hill's only chance of clinching victory seemed to be the possibility of sneaking

a goal and shutting the game up.

Croydon got a goal within two minutes of that close call and the match was never in doubt from then on.

Croydon's opener came from a penalty awarded for handball by Harry Hird and duly converted by Graham French.

Alec Livingstone added a second in the 71st minute, beating John McKinlay with a beautifully weighted lob from outside the area.

Goal number three came from Darren Cooper who ran onto a nice through pass, evaded Dean Hennessy's challenge, rounded McKinlay and slotted the ball into an empty net.

And two minutes from the end — Andy Humble volleyed home across from the left from David Brogan to complete the rout.

In the other semi-final, Frankston Pines scored through Goran Runje within four minutes of the start and set the scene for a more interesting end-to-end match.

St Albans Dinamo did most of the pressing for the rest of the half.

But after the break, Pines broke away for a number of clear-cut chances only to be denied by the good keeping of Mate Grbic.

In the last minute of the game, Dinamo hit the bar but Pines hung on to get into the final.

Sunbury 0 West Suburbs 2

Scorers: Smallman 25, Palmariotti 52nd.

Venue: Smith Reserve.

Western Suburbs stroled to a comfortable victory over First Division club Sunbury United to advance to the next round of the Dockerty Cup where they will meet National League team Footscray JUST.

Suburb's victory was achieved despite the absence of striker Darren Tuck, injured, and regular goalkeeper Milutin Juric, who is in Europe, as well as having full-back George Beattie sent off by referee Chris Bambridge for swearing.

Maybe it's my imagination but for the life of me I cannot remember a period before when so many players have been dismissed for using foul language. It's not all that long ago that I was playing and if referees had sent players off then for swearing you would have had the situation where only the referee would have been left on the park! I'm not blaming Bambridge, he still is our best referee, so the decision

By MIKE LYNN

to send off players for swearing must be a directive to all referees. I think it's stupid and the quicker commonsense returns the quicker respect for the men in black will also return.

Suburbs took the lead in the 25th minute when a free kick taken by man-of-the-match Ged Stenson was played from the right of Sunbury's penalty area to the near post where striker Bobby McGuinness either missed his chance to score or played a superb dummy enabling the ball to fall nicely for fellow striker David Smallman to tap home the simplest of chances.

Suburbs played better with 10 players. Perhaps the Sunbury players became a little confused after Beattie's sending off because the amount of room given to Stenson and fellow midfielder Robert Palmariotti was certainly their downfall.

Stenson's skills are a treat to watch. If only he'd let his superb passing skills play a larger part of his game than his intricate dribbling ability then I think his team mates would be much more appreciative.

Great future for

Croydon 4 Knox City 1

Scorers: Cooper 16th, Livingstone 32nd, O'Reilly 54th, 64th, Phillips 82nd.

Venue: Jubilee Park.

By KEN KONTRA

The fact of the matter was that Croydon was far too good for a valiant Knox City. On the other hand, Knox tried very hard to make a game of it, and was in no way disgraced in losing to the State League champion.

Croydon, obviously under instructions to nip in the bud any aspirations of a giant-killing act, opened in whirlwind fashion forcing Knox on the defensive.

Young Darren Cooper tested Les Long with a hard shot from an Alex Livingstone centre in the 3rd minute and seconds later nearly forced the ball over the line in a goal-mouth scramble.

Stone was busy again a few minutes later, tipping Graham French's volley over the bar, following one of those accurate Jim Tansey free kicks and then spectacularly saved Jim O'Reilly's curling shot diving full length to his left.

In the 14th minute, Knox nearly caught Croydon by surprise when Chris Valli unleashed a powerful drive from 20 metres. Keith Waterman managed to block the shot and the defence tidied up what could have been an embarrassing situation.

In the 16th minute, Croydon finally took the lead when a clever dummy by French cleared the way for Cooper to burst through the middle and plant his shot in the roof of the net past the advancing keeper.

Knox tried to come back through the efforts of midfielders Guy Bakker, Dean Bryden and Clive Holmes, but despite the occasional promising build-up in the middle of the park it could not penetrate the solid Croydon defence.

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Man of
the match:
BARRY BURTON
(Box Hill)

cked with his linesman and
ve Wilhelmina a free kick
lead.
urry Burton levelled the scores
inst his former team in the 77th
ute and came close with a close
e attempt just before full time.
ndy McMillan's towering header
s palmed over by Blackley as Wil-
mina survived a rather hectic
sing few minutes to force the
ch into extra time.
t was mostly Box Hill during extra
e as Burton, Mazzagatti, Hird and
dhouse in particular, seemed to
re the legs on their opponents but
final touch was missing.
uring the second period Chris
ford, recipient of a yellow card in
second half, fell foul of the refer-
and got his marching orders, but
Box Hill was untouchable to play out
remaining few minutes with 10 n
and, Nyholt's penalty miss
ved costly.

Suburbs

Man of
the match:
GEOFF STENSON
(W. Suburbs)

The game was put beyond Sunbury
in Palmariotti's corner in the 10
minute. The move leading to
goal began when sweeper Steve
mowski dribbled past Sunbury
keepers Ron Kramers and Steve Mc-
Millan on the half way line and then
eyed the ball forward down the left
ing to Stenson.

Dimovski continued his run and
ceived a return pass from Stenson
the Sunbury backline then played
ball into the penalty area where
was not cleared allowing Palmari-
otti to drive the ball home from the
ge of the penalty area with the
lp of a deflection.

Sunbury almost scored in the 65th
ute when a delightful chip by Kit
eckman seemed goalbound only
goalkeeper Michael Katselis to
e and finger-tip the ball onto the
et.

Cooper

Man of
the match:
DARREN COOPER
(Croydon)

st the 32nd minute, Croydon had
st four shots blocked by a des-
te Knox defence before Alec
ngstone found the gap to score
team's second goal.

roydon continued to press for-
d and Fred Murray and Norrie
s continually were under pres-
suring waves of attacks led
French and Cooper.

was most impressed by Cooper,
roduct of the Croydon Juniors.
his speed, is aggressive and
ws where the goals are. He cer-
lly has all the attributes to de-
up into a first class striker.

er to keep Croydon on its toes,
n Bryden bounced a thundering
netre shot off the crossbar but it
the champions who nearly
ed just on half time.

ason Harbinson made a good run
the right and found Jim O'Reilly
his cross. Long managed to get a
id to O'Reilly's diving header to at-
it temporarily deny the big
ender.

'Reilly made amends in the sec-
half, scoring in the 54th and 64th
utes. The first was a close range
from Cooper's low cross, the
nd a header at the far post when
ch headed on Livingstone's
er.

roydon relaxed and lost concen-
tion in the closing minutes of the
ch, allowing substitute Terence
lip to nip in and score a consol-
goal in the 82nd minute and
rly notch a second five minutes
r, but he shot wide from a one-on-
situation against Waterman.

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MOOROOLBARK 2 (Priestley 5th, McCann 102nd)
BROADMEADOWS 1 (Nolan 12th) after extra time at
North Crinigan Reserve. Double header.

MOOROOLBARK Graham 7 — Wilcocks 6, Brack 6 (Stones 93rd),
Tront 8, Adams 6 — Gurney 6, McCann 7, Cubbit 7 — Priestly 7,
Mantel 7 (Houston 85th), Killey 7.
BROADMEADOWS Pace 6 — Smart 7, Donaldson 6, Hingham 7,
Bore 6 — Griffiths 6, Watson 6, Blair 5 — Nolan 8, Loughane 7,
Liberto 7.

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Stirton 32nd, penalty
64th, Sostice 52nd) NUNAWADING CITY 0 at North
Crinigan Reserve. Double header.

MORWELL FALCONS Prezioso 7 — Bingham 6, D. Wilson 6, Bruns
6, M. Cassar 4 (Colacello 60th), T. Van Baar 6 (Bezzina 70th), E.
Cassar 8, Tunt 7, Sostice 7, Vereha 6, Sirtton 8.

NUNAWADING CITY Mader 7 — Hurleston 6, Chabavalle 7,
McCombe 7, Remmers 6 — Moyle 7, Elliott 7 (Nelles 75th), Bastesen 7,
Karak 8 (99th), Groeneweg 7, Modderman 5, Pote 5.

CROYDON CITY 4 (Cooper 16th, Livingstone 32nd,
O'Reilly 54th, 64th) KNOX CITY 1 (Philips 82nd) at
Jubilee Park. Double header.

CROYDON Waterman 7 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansley 7, (Tait
82nd), Bech 7 — Harbinson 6, Bregan 7 (Kidd 82nd), Livingstone 7,
Humble 6, Cooper 8, French 8.

KNOX Long 7 — Rau 7, Murray 7, Pate 7, Vail 6 (Jones 62nd) —
Holmes 7, Bakker 7, Turner 6 — Reid 6, Kovic 6 (Philips 78th).

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Nyholt 54th, Storm
63rd) BOX HILL 2 (Mazzagatti 24th, Burton 77th) after
extra time. Box Hill won 4-3 on penalties at Jubilee
Park. Double header.

WILHELMINA Blackley 7 — Meyer 7, Bates 7, Corke 7, Wemyss 7 —
Thompson 7, Bakker 6, Verniers 6, McKinely 7 (Russell 90th) — Storm
6, Nyholt 6.

SUNBURY UNITED 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 2
(Smallman 25th, Palmariotti 52nd) at Smith Re-
serve. Double header.

SUNBURY UNITED Grech 6 — P. Beranic 6, Skinner 6, Campbell 7,
Blackley 6 — Twine 6, D. Beranic 6, Greechan 7, Traikovski 6 —
Kramers 6, McMillan 6.

WESTERN SUBURBS Katselis 6 — Beattie 5 (sent off 37th), Kagiog-
lou 6, Dimovski 7, Esposto 6 — Cotanis 7, Farmer 7, Stenson 8,
Palmariotti 7, Smallman 7, McGunness 6 (McLuskey 75th).

FAWKNER 0 NTH DANDENONG 0 after extra time.
Fawkner won 4-3 on penalties at Smith Reserve.
Double header.

FAWKNER Wilson 6 — Chavali 7, Schipano 6, Ferla 6, Bordignon 6 —
Walsh 6, Flavell 6, Sabbatino 6, DiCecco 5 — Tuffield 6, Mancinelli 6.

NTH DANDENONG Kovac 8 — McMillan 7, Milne 7, Layson 6,
Petrakos 6 — McGunness 6 (Butler 88th), Byrne 6, Wainwright
(McComie 85th), Fox 7 — Congdon 5, McDonald 5.

CAULFIELD CITY: 3 (Tofari 50th, Amanatidis
65th, Bitsonis 70th) MELBOURNE HUNGARIA 2 (Bird
43rd pen, Mills 60th) at Ross Reserve. Double
Header.

CAULFIELD CITY Alexandropoulos 5 — Kassidis 5, Harris 8, Brooks
6, Tsiridis 6 — Bitsonis 5, Taylor 7, Theodoros 6, Milgou 5 (Abraam
35th), Tofari 7, Vondem 6 (Amanatidis 48th), 7.

MELBOURNE HUNGARIA Kiss 6 — Szabo 6, Bird 6, Wild 5, Ed-
mondson 6 — Kocajurk 6 (Belteky 72nd), Horvath 7 (De Bono 82nd)
Morrey 7, Wallace 7 — Theodoropoulos 5.

FRANKSTON PINES 5 (Runje 30th, 56th, Arm-
strong 51st, 80th, Dick 75th) ALBION TURK GUCU 0
at Ross Reserve. Double header.

FRANKSTON PINES Boland 6 — Macleod 6, Thurlow 6, Bozic 6,
Ferns 6 — Dick 5 (Hennessey 78th), Ross 6, Cullen 7, Webster 5,
(Cumming 78th) — Armstrong 6, Runje 6.

ALBION TURK GUCU Stevens 5 — Nazif 5, Barba 6, Beho 5, Eraltay
5 — Salih 5, Bennett 5, Nedelkoski 5 — Dilberto 5, S. Latif 5, T. Latif 5.

Juventus to go down!

The decision by the VSF
the other season to admit
National League clubs
into the Dockerty Cup was
hailed by the Press as a
great one. It was the last
chance to give this grand
competition much-needed
glamor.

Unfortunately, some National
League clubs don't give a
damn about the oldest cup
competition in Australian soccer
and the series of double
headers tomorrow (Thursday)
of course fall smack dab in the
middle of the NSL finals.

Then again, if you were a
club official of a club still in
the NSL finals, would you
want to run the risk of your
players getting injured?
Brunswick Juventus has
made its stance crystal clear. It
isn't going to prejudice its
chances against Adelaide Ju-
ventus in Adelaide on Sunday.

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**

Just take a look at the Juventus
side that lines up against
Fawkner in the second match
of a double header tomorrow
night at Olympic Park No. 1.
You'll see plenty of youthful
grins for this is the chance for
many Juventus youth team
players to show coach Len
McKendry what they can do at
senior level.

Fawkner, of course, will go
into the match close to full
strength and I'm tipping a
Fawkner victory. Ian Tuffield
could have a real night out in
this one.

The first match at Olympic
Park tomorrow night gets un-
derway at 7pm and Mel-
bourne Croatia, the Dockerty
Cup holder, should move into
the quarter-finals at the ex-

pense of Morwell Falcons.
Mind you, Morwell won't go
under without a fight.

Heidelberg clashes with
Mooroolbark, the only Vic-
torian League side left in the
competition, at 1.30 pm tomor-
row in the first game of a
double header at Middle Park.
Like Croatia, Heidelberg
only has the Dockerty Cup to
play for this season and while
the Barkers deserve great
credit for getting this far it's
hard to see them knocking off
a team that finished in the top
five of the Southern Division
this year.

The second match at
Middle Park tomorrow fea-
tures John Margaritis's South
Melbourne Hellas against
another Greek-backed club,
Caulfield City. Hellas will
win, but what a proud day for
officials of Caulfield, one of
the most successful clubs in
Victorian soccer in recent
times.

Rumor has it that Croydon
will field most of its reserves
against George Cross at 1.30pm
at Green Gully Reserve tomor-
row as a lot of Croydon players
can't get time off work. Some-
one perhaps should tell the
powers that be that Show Day
no longer is a fully recognised
public holiday in Victoria.

George Cross should win.
The second game at Green
Gully Reserve could be a
cracker. It's between Green
Gully and Box Hill.

Box Hill goes into the game
without midfielder Andy
Hughes who was carried off
last weekend in its Dockerty
Cup clash with Ringwood Wil-
helmina and midfielder Chris
Taylor, sent off in the same
match.

The Hillmen have a fair bit
of character though and they'll
give Gully a run for its money
but I can't see the home team
getting beaten.

Footcrazy JUST squares up
to Western Suburbs in the first
match of tomorrow's double
header at Connor Reserve.
This game starts at 1.30pm.
Bobby McGunness, despite
carrying a groin injury, is de-
termined to play. He's got a
couple of scores to settle with
JUST, and Suburbs have qual-
ity players such as Geoff Stenson,
David Smallman and Steve Di-
movski, who almost joined
JUST earlier this year. Yes,

Suburbs will be tough to toss
but my money's still on JUST.
Preston Makedonia, beaten
finalist in last year's Dockerty
Cup, takes on Frankston Pines
in the second game at Connor
Reserve and looks far too
strong.

Here are tomorrow's (Thurs-
day's) Dockerty Cup double
headers with likely winners in
capitals:

Olympic Park No. 1
MELBOURNE CRO-
ATIA v Morwell Falcons
at 7pm, followed by
Brunswick Juventus v
FAWKNER at 8.30pm.

Middle Park
HEIDELBERG v Moor-
oolbark at 1.30pm, fol-
lowed by SOUTH
MELBOURNE HELLAS v
Caulfield at 3.30pm.

Green Gully Reserve
GEORGE CROSS v
Croydon at 1.30pm, fol-
lowed by GREEN GULLY v
Box Hill at 3.30pm.

Connor Reserve
FOOTSCRAY JUST v
Western Suburbs at
1.30pm, followed by
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v
Frankston Pines at
3.30pm.

Fawkner survives

By MIKE LYNN

Fawkner 0
Nth Dandenong 0
Fawkner won 4-3 on
penalties.
Scores: Flavell, Walsh,
Sabbatino, Bordignon (F);
Milne, McDonald, Congdon
(ND).

Venue: Smith Reserve.
In a very poor quality
match at Smith Reserve,
Fawkner managed to
scramble through to the
next round of the Dock-
erty Cup after surviving
the penalty shoot out
against determined First
Division team Nth.
Dandenong.

Had Fawkner not won this
match it could only have
blamed itself because,
although it provided little in
the way of skill or enterprise, it

Man of
the match:
CHRIS KOVAC
(Nth Dandenong)

did dominate play and for long
periods the ball hovered
around the North Dandenong
penalty area.

Indeed, in the 20th minute,
referee Zoumou awarded
Fawkner a penalty when he
decided that Nth. Dandenong
sweeper Steve Lawson had
handled the ball when he and
Fawkner striker Fab Mancin-
elli got tangled with each
other.

The ball seemed to get
jammed between the two play-
ers and the penalty decision
seemed a little harsh. It didn't
matter anyway, because Nth.

Dandenong goalkeeper and
man-of-the-match Chris Kovac
dived to his right and saved
Gordon Flavell's penalty kick.
It was obvious that Nth.
Dandenong was looking to hold
on until the penalty shoot-out
and when Milne and John Mc-
Donald scored the opening two
penalties and Mancinelli
missed it looked like the tactics
were about to prove correct.
But Fawkner fought back
when Flavell made amends for
his penalty miss during the
match and then Angie Petra-
kos and Fox both missed their
penalty kicks.

Walsh and Frank Sabbatino
scored easily and Mark Con-
gdon renewed Nth. Dandenong
hopes with his successful kick.
With the score at 3-3 and
Fawkner having one kick re-
maining, up stepped the youth-
ful Peter Bordignon who
calmly slotted away the winner
like a seasoned veteran.

LET'S ALL GO AND PLAY GOLF!

Frank Pines 5
Albion Turk 0
Scores: Runje 30th, 56th,
Armstrong 51st, 80th, Dick
75th.
Venue: Ross Reserve.

The less said about this
match the better for as an
advertisement for soccer
everyone would definitely
go and play golf!

The goals:
Goran Runje opens the scor-
ing in the 30th minute when he
outumps the goalkeeper to
head in a John Cullen cross.
Runje's striking partner, Ri-
chard Armstrong scores the sec-

ond when a pass from
midfielder Ally Dick, meant
for Runje, breaks for Arm-
strong who hammers the ball
home from just inside the pen-
alty area.

Runje gets his second goal in
the 56th minute when he taps
home a Peter Thurlow cross.
Ally Dick gets on the score-
sheet in the 75th minute with a

piledriver from 20 metres and
Armstrong gets his second in
the 80th minute with a goal
similar to his first.

Quite a lot of criticism has
been levelled at Pines this year
but they finished second in the
league, are through to the final
of the State League Cup and
are still involved in the Dock-
erty Cup.

Man of
the match:
JOHN CULLEN
(Frankston Pines)

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don't you think?
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● Brunswick Juventus under-16s, winners of the JLMC Cup, Northern Region Cup and Super League championship. Back row: P. Iaccone (team manager), T. Sonsini, R. De Matteo, P. Metsios, P. Della Rocca, E. Marano, P. Iaccone, M. Vesnaver, R. Di Fiore, Aldo Vesnaver (coach). Front row: A. Angelodemo, J. Lipari (captain), C. Giove, M. Torcaso, R. Turi, J. Bongiovanni, P. Giaccherini. Picture: ERMES BERGAGNA.



● Brunswick Juventus under-13s, runner-up in the JLMC Cup. Back row: A. Ursini (coach), M. Tenuta, R. Tudisca, M. Pompiglio, Mr. Giuliano (masseur), R. Alessi, A. Muccio, T. Zappone, J. Alessi (team manager). Front row: F. Giusti, T. Giuliano, D. Tiatto, J. Ursini, M. De Filippo, P. Melideo, O. Petrucci. Picture: ERMES BERGAGNA.



● Brunswick Juventus under-18s, winners of the JLMC Cup. Back row: F. De Amicis, J. Di Quinzio (Masseur), R. Falcone (property steward), N. Mariani (co-ordinator), P. Martinucci, S. Valentino, P. Palleschi, P. Samardja, Claudio Korlevic (coach), R. Giandomenico (vice-captain), P. Borin, M. Sangiorgio (captain), D. Manduca (junior's chairman), Mr. Angelo (sponsor). Front row: G. Falcone, T. Palleschi, A. Manduca, J. Basso, R. Carraro, A. Gatto.

In Adelaide duello delle due Juventus

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Lo scorso weekend le due squadre campioni dei rispettivi gironi di Lega Nazionale sono state a guardare mentre le quattro che le hanno seguite nelle due classifiche si sono date battaglia nel primo turno dei tornei di girone da cui usciranno le due finaliste per il titolo nazionale.

(cosa che purtroppo fa ancora parte della fantascienza).

Comunque le cose in campo domenica scorsa sono andate male per l'Heidelberg e il Sydney City che hanno perso rispettivamente contro Marconi e George Cross e sono state eliminate.

Il formato della competizione quest'anno è cambiato, dando il titolo del girone alla squadra che finiva in testa alla classifica e il diritto di battersi per il titolo australiano alla squadra che vinceva il torneo a cinque (manco se i regolamenti fossero fatti dalla Juventus di Melbourne che è stata così favorita per due anni: l'anno scorso vinse il titolo finendo terza ma vincente la finale a cinque, quest'anno lo ha rivinto finendo prima in classifica).

Il cambiamento è stato in gran parte apportato perché l'anno scorso c'erano state aspre critiche al fatto che un titolo calcistico venisse assegnato con lo stesso sistema del football australiano ("scandaloso", dissero in molti), anche se tutti furono d'accordo che il girone finale era stato il più grosso successo di pubblico e di spettacolo in tutta la storia della Lega Nazionale.

Così si è cercato di salvare capre e cavoli dando il titolo alla squadra che lo ha conquistato di diritto vincendo il campionato e facendo disputare i due tornei a cinque per la finalissima del titolo australiano.

Ma gli scontenti di quest'anno sembrano essere ancora di più di quelli dell'anno scorso e le critiche ancora più aspre. E' proprio la dimostrazione che non si è mai contenti. Per noi il sistema va benissimo, perché premia la squadra migliore sull'arco dell'intero campionato e, a campionato concluso, lancia una nuova competizione a larga base per decidere la squadra campione d'Australia.

Far giocare per il titolo nazionale le due squadre campioni di girone sarebbe un po' sbrigativo (e molto più sbrigativo, forse sportivamente più giusto), ma priverebbe il pubblico di un grandioso spettacolo che non è possibile produrre durante l'anno. E il calcio australiano ha bisogno di "spettacolo" che però andrebbe valorizzato con uno sforzo promozionale maggiore.

Le altre due perdenti (JUST e Sydney Olympic) avranno un'altra chance contro le vincenti delle prime eliminatorie (quindi: George Cross contro JUST e Marconi contro Sydney Olympic); le altre due vincitrici (Juventus di Adelaide e St. George) se la vedranno con le squadre campioni di girone (Juventus di Melbourne e Croatia di Sydney) che hanno osservato un turno di riposo e che possono ancora permettersi di perdere la loro prima partita (oppure qualificarsi direttamente per la finale, vincendo questo unico incontro di qualificazione).

L'incontro delle due Juventus avrà luogo ad Adelaide ed i tifosi bianconeri di Melbourne potranno seguire la squadra del cuore con i viaggi in gruppo organizzati dal club, in autobus o in aereo.

Gli autobus partiranno all'una della mattina di domenica dal Crystal T Night Club di Brunswick (ampio parcheggio per lasciare le macchine) ed il biglietto è di \$40 a persona (solo viaggio), mentre per gli iscritti alla "cheer squad" il prezzo è scontato a \$20. Si ritornerà verso le primissime ore di lunedì mattina (in tempo per alcune ore di sonno prima di andare a lavorare).

Chi vuol viaggiare in aereo (assieme ai giocatori se si prenota in tempo) partirà nella mattinata di domenica e ritornerà in serata. Il prezzo del biglietto è scontato a \$256 (invece dei normali \$302).

In tutte e due i casi prenotare al più presto possibile telefonando a Dominic Tenuta (383 2213) o a Rocky Porcino (386 8669) a tutte le ore.

Anche se l'attenzione generale sembra polarizzata sugli eventi della Lega Nazionale, molti avvenimenti di nota per il calcio italo-australiano sono anche nelle leghe statali del Victoria. Nella State League Fawcner, Thomas-town e Morwell, dopo alti e bassi, hanno chiuso la stagione comodamente a centro classifica e hanno affinato le armi per fare ancora meglio l'anno prossimo.

Ma il trionfo totale lo si è avuto nella seconda divisione dove Veneto Bulleen e TGIestina sono finite nelle prime due posizioni dopo un campionato eccezionale per tenuta e strapotenza. Mentre il Bulleen è stato in testa per la maggior parte del campionato e si è meritatamente laureato campione, la Triestina ha dovuto soffrire durante il secondo posto e la promozione dopo aver perso a tavolino due punti per la nota "vincenda Vojtek".

Ma quello che in un certo senso è più importante del successo sul campo, perché garantisce successi futuri a catena, è il grande miglioramento amministrativo fatto registrare dalle due squadre italiane.

Mentre il Bulleen è cresciuto enormemente come entità a sé stante sotto l'ala di quella generosa e formosa chiochia che è il Veneto Social Club di Bulleen, la Triestina si è dovuta fare un nido suo come pulcino un po' perso nella steppa e alla fine adattato dalla Associazione ex V.G.P.F.; il nuovo complesso dell'Ormond Park rappresenta finalmente una sede decorosa per una delle più gloriose squadre italiane del Victoria. L'amministrazione di Armando De Lizza merita un grosso riconoscimento.

Peccato che le due "principine" del calcio nostrano non potranno continuare la tenzone durante la Coppa Italia che verrà organizzata sul campo del Veneto Club, perché la Triestina "sdegnata" da piccole beghe passate ha deciso di assumere il ruolo di grande assente, naturalmente non tenendo conto che "chi si ritira finisce per aver sempre torto".

Nella Docketry Cup il Fawcner ha passato il turno e domani sera alle 8 scenderà all'Olympic Park contro la Juventus... che non ci sarà perché in procinto di partire per Adelaide; ma ci sarà la squadra giovanile che venderà cara la pelle.

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Sandringham	1	1	32	17	17	1	21	15	59
Beumaris	1	7	39	16	17	1	21	15	59
Caullfield B	6	4	29	33	16	1	21	15	59
Malvern City	14	5	10	20	31	1	21	15	59
Sth Melb Hellas	1	10	20	31	1	1	21	15	59
Brigholm	5	11	23	57	10	1	21	15	59
Pratham Sth	1	11	21	48	7	1	21	15	59

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James Hardie NISL standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Lotto All Stars	6	0	0	34	16	18
Sydney Tornado	4	0	1	32	16	13
Brisbane Buffalos	3	0	3	22	14	12
Enduro Spartans	3	0	2	30	27	11
Ansett Valley Stars	3	0	1	29	16	10
Canb. City Strikers	2	0	2	16	23	8
Melb. Eliminators	1	0	4	25	36	7
Buffalo Mets	1	0	3	16	23	6
Canberra Rockets	0	0	4	16	36	4
Mackay Monarchs	0	0	3	3	16	3

Enduro's Akkari stars in 24-goal thriller

Man of the match:
CARLO AKKARI
(E. Spartans)

E. Spartans 14 M. Eliminators 10

SPARTANS: Sales 7, Vince 7, Rojano 7, M. Bacic 9, F. Bacic 7, Akkari 9, Yunan 7, De Milo 8, Silva 8.
ELIMINATORS: Terzini 8, Boin 8, Nogler 9, Kondinski 7, Micheloudakis 9, Metaxas 7, Kotzamichalis 7, Avgerinos 7.

In this first Melbourne-Sydney derby of the season, Enduro Spartans dominated the opening 10 minutes.

With quick passing and excellent running off the ball they soon established a 4-0 lead.

A long-range shot by Carlo Akkari left Eliminators goalie Maurice Terzini stranded as the ball whistled into the back of the net for the first goal. Then goals by Chris Vince, Sid Rojana and Marcela Bacic had the Eliminators reeling.

But the Eliminators fought back to make a more even contest of the remainder of the half.

A pin-point pass from John Metaxas to Ernie Boin led to the Eliminators first goal.

However, goals by Luis De Milo and Akkari gave the Enduro Spartans a huge 6-1 lead at half time.

A change of tactics by the Eliminators enabled them to pressure the Spartans who then made basic errors and mainly through the efforts of John Micheloudakis and Robbie Nogler, the Eliminators almost staged a miraculous recovery.

Akkari starred for the Spartans and scored five goals in the second half.

The action was end-to-end stuff and the crowd was enthralled by the skill

and determination of both teams.

Nogler made several crucial interceptions as did Micheloudakis to score seven goals between them. These two look set to take the indoor soccer world by storm.

But as soon as the Eliminators got within striking distance of the Spartans a goal re-established the Spartans breathing space.

Goals by Vince, Akkari, Robert Yunan and Hilton Silva for the Spartans and by Nogler, Micheloudakis, Metaxas and Aki Kotzamichalis for the Eliminators saw the Spartans win 14-10.

This was easily the most exciting game so far of the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League and should other games reach this standard then crowds will be flocking to the venues.



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Whirlwind start by Tornadoes



• Ernie Boin

**Syd Tornadoes 9
M. Eliminators 3**

TORNADES: Carlisle 7, Stuart 7, Lembryk 6, Jeffrey 8, Gilligan 8, Osman 7, Knight 8.

ELIMINATORS: Terzini 7, Boin 8, Kozmichalis 7, Metaxas 7, Kondinski 7, Micheloudakis 8, Nogger 8.

The Sydney Tornadoes started this game in amazing fashion scoring in the first thirty seconds through Gilligan.

Melbourne Eliminators coach Dean Poropat immediately called time-out to organise his team in order to count the Tornadoes' attack. As the Eliminators settled into the game it became harder for the Tornadoes to break through.

Ernie Boin and Aki Kozmichalis made life difficult for the Tornadoes forwards only to see a

Opening goal scored after 30 seconds

breakaway result in a goal for Stuart.

With a 2-0 lead, the Tornadoes slowed the game down and tried to draw the Eliminators out of defence. This plan backfired when Robbie Nogger received a pass, took on two Tornadoes defenders and beat keeper Chris Carlisle from close range.

Soon after, the Tornadoes made it 3-1 when a good passing move ended with Osman putting the ball away.

A free kick just outside the penalty area for the Eliminators was converted by John Metaxas and this left us with a halftime score of 3-2.

**Man of the match:
ROB NOGGER
(Eliminators)**

Five minutes into the second half, Nogger again struck for the Eliminators to make it 3-3. John Micheloudakis and Nogger had the Tornadoes in a bit of bother but the experience of the Tornadoes then became apparent as did the fatigue in the young Eliminators side which was playing its second game for the night.

Goals by Lembryk and Osman and four goals by Jeffrey gave the Tornadoes a much needed win following their loss the previous week to the Lotto Allstars.

Allstars stand firm as Eliminators fight back

**L. Allstars 4
M. Eliminators 3**

LOTTO ALLSTARS — Bruce 8, Peachy 8, Pot 7, Dalton 7, Ross 8, Beck 7, Moon 9, Gilligan 7.

ELIMINATORS — Terzini 8, Boin 8, Nogger 9, Kondinski 7, Micheloudakis 8, Metaxas 8.

The Eliminators have a habit of needing to come from behind and this game was no exception.

What started as an even contest saw the Lotto Allstars take a 2-0 lead within the first 10 minutes.

A shot by Peachy from the half-way line deceived Terzini and registered the game's first goal.

Leon Moon then came into the game with a bang

**Man of the match:
MOON
(Allstars)**

and gave the Allstars their 2-0.

Not to be denied, the Eliminators made the score 2-1 with a goal from Robbie Nogger. Moon then restored the Allstars two-goal lead when he scored from close range.

In the second half, the Eliminators came out with all barrels firing and within two minutes made the score 3-2 due to the

persistence of John Metaxas who won the ball and slammed it home.

Moon then made the score 4-2 with a good goal involving most of the Allstars players. This goal only seemed to inspire the Eliminators and they scored 10 minutes later through Nogger.

When the final whistle blew, the scoreline of 4-3 was a credit to the efforts of the Allstars goalie and their desperation in defence.

The Eliminators lost the game but won over the fans with one exciting display.



• John Metaxas

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• Tony Mainenti
 of White Peles

Sabidussis show their skills and Carcioffi Rangers are no match for White Peles

Man of the match:
 Tony Mainenti
 (White Peles)

**White Peles 8
 Carcioffi R. 1**

WHITE PELES: C. Baravelli 8, B. Sabadussi 8, C. Sabadussi 8, T. Mainenti 8, P. Woodward 7, R. Hero 8. CARCIOFFI RANGERS: S. Sella 7, A. Tochetto 7, S. Dal Costello 8, M. Terzini 7, L. Stocco 7, D. Cesarin 6. This Donvale Group B final turned out to be a one-sided affair with the ever-present ball skills in the Peles team showing spectators and especially the Rangers who the boss of the court was.

The Sabidussi brothers have outstanding ball skills and when they have the ball it is almost impossible to get it back.

Carlo Baravelli played a top game with three goals to his credit and by half time the White Peles were 5-0 up.

The Rangers Steve Dal Costello and Silvio Sella tried hard on a number of occasions to win the ball and set up attacking moves, but only one goal came in the second half. That was from Dal Costello.

Daniel Cesarin, the Rangers keeper, had his hands full trying to stop the avalanche of shots from the Peles.

The White Peles now meet the Smooth Operators, champions of Group A for the Donvale Centre championship.

**Azzurri 7
 Bonds 5**

Azzurri, with only four players on court, kept Bonds at bay long enough to beat them by two goals.

Peter Papaconstantinou of Bonds was in a goalscoring mood with two in the first half and one in the second.



The first half saw Renato Boninski of Azzurri notch a hat-trick. Other goals from Arborea and Mason saw Accuri lead by two goals at half time. Both sides were kept to two goals apiece in the second half and Bonds could not find that extra lift to win the game.

**Raiders 10
 Disciples 9**

Unlucky Disciples missed out by a goal after playing superbly in the second half and outscoring the Raiders.

Carlo Innamorati played a blinder. He kept urging on his team mates and he scored three good goals. The first half saw the Disciples down 5-3 with Kati foris and Dellas for Raiders both scoring two goals.

But the second half saw the Disciples change tactics and intercept a lot of passes.

Top goalscorers were Kati foris for Raiders with five goals and Darren Lamers for Disciples with four.

**Fijiana 8
 M. Blaster 3**

Fijiana displayed excellent ball skills and great scoring ability throughout the team which will not be a pushover for any side.

At half time the Fijiana boys led 6-2.

Kardaros for Master Blaster scored all his team's goals with two in the first and one in the second.

**Zobel 12
 Sweathogs 2**

Zobel, the new team at Donvale, is an excellent combination and had the Sweathogs in trouble from the start.

Like Fijiana, these boys are great goalscorers and are a fine team unit.

The Sweathogs' goals came from Zachariou while Ceaser and Ermas for Zobel both scored four.

Most of the games played at the Preston Centre were one-sided. In the youth game between Olympic and Gladstone Raiders, the dominating play of Chris Archimandritis and Peter Lagaris left the Raiders flat-footed.

Every player in the Olympic side scored with Archimandritis having four to his credit. Olympic won 10-0.

**United Nations 7
 Zaggers**

There was another easy victory for the taking for United Nations which led 4-0 at half time.

Goce Tosevski played an excellent game for United Nations setting up and scoring some beautiful goals.

Marc De Ruk was trying hard for Zaggers and teammate Remco Hagem was their only scorer.

The man-of-the-match award went to Tosevski who scored three as well as playing a great team game.

**Goodonya 18
 Mut. Revenge 0**

Mutundies Revenge, playing with a depleted side, simply was outclassed by the stronger and more aggressive Goodonya.

With 10 goals in the first half and eight in the second, the game was an annihilation for Mutundies.

Peter Markakos scored six.

**Nacionals 6
 Ugly Juve. 2**

Nacionals figured in the closest fought game of the night, although in the end their victory was clear-cut.

Ugly Juventus started the game with only four players and although they were 3-1 down at half time they were playing reasonably well.

Juventus built up a number of fouls which could

have been catastrophic to their chances but as the match panned out they were contained to just one goal in each half. The Juventus boys finally bowed out to a stronger team on the night.

**Euronations 14
 Moreland 1**

Euronations showed their class with this easy victory against Moreland.

Moreland had a depleted side while the strong eight-

man team of Euronations used careful substituting to give the opportunity to every player to score a number of goals.

The Preston champions showed that this season they still will be in strong contention for honors.

Daniel Hramin was man of the match but all the Euronation lads played well.

Moreland's only goal came from Patrick O'Connor.

STANDINGS

Donvale Group 2 standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Zobel	3	0	0	30	6	9
Azzurri	2	0	1	17	12	7
Raiders	2	0	1	17	14	7
Sweathogs	2	0	1	15	13	7
Fijiana	0	0	2	13	6	6
Adriatic-Slickers	1	1	1	11	12	6
Bonds	1	0	2	14	17	5
Master Plaster	1	0	2	11	25	5
Peperonini	0	1	2	5	20	4
Nike	0	0	2	7	10	2
Disciples	0	0	2	12	17	
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Preston Senior standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Grasshoppers	5	0	0	61	11	15
Preston Pythons	4	0	0	37	10	15
Euronations	3	1	2	59	24	13
Goodonya	3	0	2	42	18	11
Moreland	3	0	2	29	35	11
Nacionals	1	1	3	20	26	8
Ugly Juventus	0	0	6	10	60	6
Mutundies Revenge	0	0	5	4	78	5

Preston Youth Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
United Nations	5	0	0	40	10	15
Olympic	3	1	1	34	14	15
Makedonian Raiders	4	0	1	38	8	13
Zaggers	2	0	2	16	13	11
Makedonian Elim.	1	1	3	10	31	8
Red Star	0	0	4	12	29	7
Gladstone Raiders	0	0	4	7	32	7

Senior top scorers: 26 - John Metaxas (Grass); 24 - Terry Frangakis (Euro.); 17 - Fortunato Carualo (PP); 14 - Kotsamichalis (Grass). Youth top scorers: 23 - Jim Georgarakis (UN); 21 - Mazda Tosevski 21 (MR); 12 - Chris Archimandritis (Oly).

Thomastown Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brilliant Barbas	8	0	0	64	21	24
Manchester Excited	6	0	1	59	20	19
Celtics	6	0	1	82	14	18
Shamrocks	5	0	3	40	27	18
Furious Five	5	0	2	43	19	17
Vasco de Gama	3	0	2	26	18	14
Internazionale	2	0	3	31	34	11
Marazico	1	0	5	21	50	11
Gladiators	1	0	7	14	68	10
Gippstars	1	0	6	23	66	9
Wanderers	0	0	8	15	81	6

Thomastown top scorers: 41 - J. Metaxas (C); 27 - P. Belgrinos (BB); 24 - G. Thalassinos (ME); 19 - P. Markakos (MM).

Celtics go on a 20-goal rampage

**Brill. Barbas 7
 Man. Excited 4**

This top-of-the-table clash at Thomastown was certainly one to remember. It was fast, exciting and very entertaining.

The Brilliant Barbas did not allow Manchester Excited to get into their usual free-flowing style of play. They took the initiative from the beginning and were never headed.

Perry Belegirinos had another fine game for the Brilliant Barbas, scoring a hat-trick, while Bill Costas scored two goals and also played well.

Goalkeeper Nick Ktasis saved most things that came his way to deny Manchester Excited any hope of at least salvaging a draw.

Peter Markakos notched two goals with singles from Thalassinos and Kouourio-

tis. They were Excited's best players.

**Celtics 20
 Gladiators 0**

The Celtics completely bombarded goalkeeper Vic Stoikov and trounced the Gladiators.

John Metaxas and Peter Paspalis both scored seven goals with Peter Metaxas scoring four and Kon Tsobanopoulos one.

The score could have been even greater had the Celtics not wasted numerous opportunities early in the second half.

**Shamrocks 7
 Gippstars 4**

Shamrocks recorded another victory and are pushing for that coveted top five spot.

Patrick Keoghan dominated the game and scored two goals as did Paul Murphy and Sean McGovern. Michail Kyriakopoulos

was the Gippstars best player. He scored twice with singles coming from John Paitas and Arthur Argypoulos.

**Vasco de Gama 5
 Internazionale 4**

This was a fantastic game with which to end the night.

The winning goal was scored with only a couple of minutes to go and Vasco came from a 1-0 deficit at half time to score a great win.

Jim Tanevski scored four goals and was the man of the match.

Bill Grbac scored the other for Vasco. Nick Stoikov scored a hat-trick with Nino Vernali scoring the other for Inter and were their side's best players on the night.

With a couple of games in hand, Vasco de Gama still is in there with a chance for the top five.

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FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
VS
SUNSHINE GEO. CROSS

Olympic Park No. 1
Sunday 3pm



JEFF FAULKNER

NORTHERN DIVISION

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

SYDNEY CROATIA vs ST GEORGE

ST GEORGE STADIUM — SUNDAY 3.00pm

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs MARCONI

ST GEORGE STADIUM — SUNDAY 1.00pm